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COVID-19: LATEST NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

The **Danish EPA** has received a huge number of alerts regarding illegal disinfectant products. Most of these products were hand sanitizers. Legal violations ranged from inadequate product labelling to a lack of evidence that products were effective against viruses. Moreover, the EPA ordered the immediate recall of hand sanitiser that was marketed in packaging that could be confused with food.

Malta's Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority has updated its database of biocidal products registered in the country and its list of sanitisers effective against viruses.

Safe Work Australia (SWA) has published several case studies to help small businesses continue to meet obligations under the country's work health and safety laws (WHS) during the coronavirus. These cover topics including storing and rebottling hand sanitisers and information on risk assessments and control measures to manage risks.

In **US, The Personal Care Products Council** has launched a programme to connect buyers and sellers of hand sanitiser materials in order to facilitate the manufacture and marketing of the products.

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22 HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS ADDED TO EU REGULATION ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

From 1 September 2020, exporters of any of these 22 substances must notify the designated national authority before exporting them. In most cases, the consent of the importing country is also required. The majority of the 22 substances have been included in the PIC regulation because they are banned as active substances in plant protection products in Europe. Some are also severely restricted under the Biocidal Products Regulation and, approved only for a limited number of biocidal products. Among the products included we find the perforated, hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD) and some articles containing mercury such as fluorescent lamps.

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US EPA'S COVID-19 ENFORCEMENT POLICY TO END ON 31 AUGUST

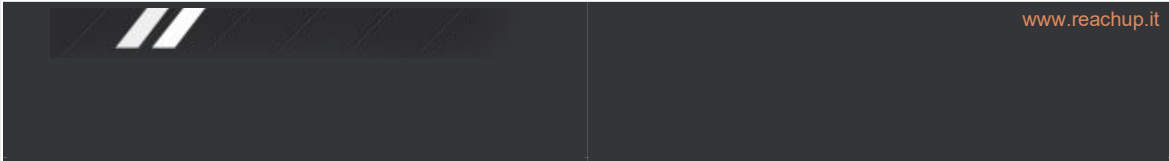


The US EPA will terminate the aid policy for companies that fail to meet routine environmental reporting and monitoring requirements due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The temporary policy, originally announced in late March, had raised widespread concern about the possibility of polluting. As the memorandum states, new federal guidelines and directives have been enacted since then and many parts of the country have taken steps to return to normal operations. The agency said it could decide to suspend the policy before August 31 and that it will retain the ability to exercise discretion on a case-by-case basis for non-compliance.

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